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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND'S VISIT

1. THE FONMIN OF NORWAY, KNUT FRYDENLUND, VISITED WASHINGTON AT HIS REQUEST NOV 28. HE HAD TALKS WITH THE SECRETARY AND WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARIES STOESSEL AND SISCO. HE ALSO MET WITH THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, AND AT LUNCH SAW SENATOR FULBRIGHT, DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM, AMONG OTHERS. THIS TELEGRAM SUMMARIZES THE MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY. REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS WILL BE SENT BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION AS APPROPRIATE.

2. THE SECRETARY'S DISCUSSION CENTERED ON THE STATE OF THE
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ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. HE MADE CLEAR TO THE FONMIN HIS

CHAGRIN THAT HIS SPEECH OF APRIL 23 HAD FAILED SO FAR TO PRODUCE, AS ENVISAGED, AN EMOTIONALLY SIGNIFICANT DECLARATION THAT WOULD DEMONSTRATE THE CONTINUED VITALITY OF THE ALLIANCE. HE REGRETTED THAT THE EUROPEANS COULD NOT EVEN BRING THEMSELVES TO USE THE WORD "PARTNERSHIP" WHILE AT THE SAME TIME COMPLAINING ABOUT A LACK OF CONSULTATION. HE NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE HARD TO EXPLAIN TO AMERICANS THAT THE SAME EUROPEANS WHO WANT US TO BE PREPARED TO GO TO WAR ON THEIR BEHALF AND TO LEAVE OUR TROOPS IN EUROPE ARE

EVEN RELUCTANT TO SIGN THE PROPOSED DECLARATION AT THE HEADS-OF-GOVERNMENT LEVEL. HE SAID THAT WE ARE CONCERNED BY THE TENDENCIES IN THE EC TO ORGANIZE ON AN ANTI-AMERICAN BASIS AND CITED THE SPEECHES OF THE FRENCH FONMIN AS NOT BEING VERY FRIENDLY.

3. FRYDENLUND WAS QUICK TO POINT OUT THAT NORWAY HAD ALWAYS BEEN IN FAVOR OF THE EFFORTS BEING MADE FOR THE YEAR OF EUROPE AND THAT HIS DESIRE WAS TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS WITH THE US. THE SECRETARY ACKNOWLEDGED SEVERAL TIMES THAT NORWAY HAS CAUSED US NO PROBLEMS, AND HE ASSURED FRYDENLUND OF U.S. WISHES ALSO TO STRENGTHEN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

4. FRYDENLUND REQUESTED THE SECRETARY'S VIEWS ABOUT FUTURE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS SO THAT FRYDENLUND COULD TRY TO DEVELOP THEREFROM A COMPATIBLE CONCEPT SUITABLE FOR A SMALL COUNTRY SUCH AS NORWAY. THE SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT IT HAD BEEN HIS HOPE THAT, BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, WHATEVER THE QUALITY OF THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH MOSCOW AND PEKING, OUR RELATIONSHIPS WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH CLOSER WITH OUR FRIENDS THAN WITH OUR ADVERSARIES. HE CITED THIS AS THE REAL PURPOSE OF THE YEAR OF EUROPE. HE NOTED THAT THE IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW AND PEKING HAD DEPENDED UPON THE SOLIDARITY OF THE WESTERN WORLD, INCLUDING JAPAN TO SOME EXTENT. HE WORRIED THAT A DRIFTING APART OF THE ALLIANCE WOULD PRODUCE INSTABILITY AT A TIME WHEN EVENTS SUCH AS THE MID-EAST CRISIS DEMONSTRATE THE NEED FOR A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP. HE ASSURED THE FONMIN THAT THE ALLIANCE REMAINS A CENTRAL PART OF OUR THINKING

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BUT POINTED OUT THAT IT WOULD BE HARD TO POINT TO ANY SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ALLIANCE WHICH HAS REACHED THE AMERICAN PUBLIC CONSCIOUSNESS IN THE LAST YEAR. HE WARNED THAT AS A RESULT SERIOUS PROBLEMS COULD ARISE IN A FEW YEARS.

5. THE FONMIN ASKED THAT THE AMERICANS BE PATIENT WITH THE EUROPEANS AS THEY WORK TOWARD ESTABLISHING THEIR IDENTITY, FOR HE NOTED THAT EUROPE HAD NO CHOICE BUT THE

ALLIANCE. THE SECRETARY REPLIED THAT WE SUPPORT THEIR SEARCH FOR IDENTITY SO LONG AS THEY DO NOT ADOPT POLICIES AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. SHOULD THEY DO SO, HE WARNED, WE WOULD HAVE TO ACT ACCORDINGLY. HE REASSURED MR. FRYDENLUND, HOWEVER, THAT THE US IS NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING WHICH WILL JEOPARDIZE THE ATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP.

6. FRYDENLUND STATED THAT NORWAY WOULD BRING UP THE MATTER OF GREECE AT THE NATO MINISTERIAL. THE SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT HE DID NOT THINK THAT NATO IS THE CORRECT PLACE FOR DISCUSSING THE DOMESTIC POLICIES OF MEMBER

NATIONS AND SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT SUPPORT NORWAY IN THIS MATTER.

7. THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED TO MR. FRYDENLUND HIS VIEW THAT IT IS NOT HELPFUL TO HAVE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS INCLUDED IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND HE CITED THE LAWS OF WAR CONFERENCE SPECIFICALLY. (THIS MATTER WAS ALSO BROUGHT UP BY MR. STOESSEL, AND, WHILE THE FONMIN AGREED TO LOOK AT IT AGAIN, HE OFFERED LITTLE HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE A CHANGE IN NORWAY'S POLICY OF ABSTENTION ON SUCH ISSUES.)

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